

November Community Events Calendar

Kaiser Permanente San Jose Farmers' Market

Date: Every Friday, year round. 10am-2pm

Summary: Kaiser Permanente San Jose partners with the Pacific Coast Farmer's Market Association to provide real California grown, fresh, seasonal, and organic produce sold by the farmers who produced the crops.

Location: 250 Hospital Parkway, San José, CA 95119

Located between the One North (270 International Circle) and Two North buildings

More information:

<https://members.kaiserpermanente.org/redirects/farmersmarkets/>

Japantown Certified Farmers' Market

Date: Sunday mornings from 8:30am-12pm

Summary: Enjoy local fresh fruits and vegetables

Location: Jackson St. and 6th and 7th Streets,
Directly in front of Miraido Village
San José, 95112

More information: <http://www.japantownsanjose.org/market.html>

Day of the Dead: a Passion for Life

Date: Now to Friday, November 27, 2009

Summary: Exhibit of more than 50 images captured by accomplished local photographer Mary J. Andrade, that focus on various aspects of the celebration of the Day of the Dead, a pre-Hispanic tradition celebrating the lives and legacies of families and communities of the people who have died during the year.

Location: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, Exhibit Area, 2nd floor
150 E. San Fernando Street, San José

More information: www.dayofthedeath.com and www.sjlibrary.org

PAW'er Hour

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2009. 6pm-7pm

Summary: This is an hour-long, fun, and informational session with a unique tour of the Humane Society Silicon Valley Animal Community Center. Paw'er Hours are not fundraising events; they are simply a way to introduce people to what the staff members do every day. Staff will share HSSV's focus and direction – and many exciting plans moving forward.

Location: HSSV Animal Community Center
901 Ames Avenue
Milpitas, CA 95035

More information: www.hssv.org

Adopt-A-Thon

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2009. 9am-7pm

Summary: Kick off the holidays with a cuddly new family member and warm heart by rescuing a pet in need. There will be dog, cat, rabbit, and small animal adoptions, gift sets for new pets, reptile and bird exhibits, raffle prizes, reduced adoption fees for featured animals, dog training demos, pet trick and costume contests, and kids' activist.

Location: San Jose Animal Care Center

2750 Monterey Hwy

San José, CA 95111

More information: www.sanjoseanimals.com

Trail Day Volunteer Project

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2009. 9am-1pm

Summary: Come help park staff with various trail projects including new trail construction, tread work and pruning. Gloves, tools, water and snacks will be provided. Bring a refillable water bottle, hiking shoes, long pants, long-sleeve shirt and sun protection. 40 volunteers are needed for this project – rain or shine.

Location: Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park

10840 Coyote Lake Rd.

Gilroy, CA 95020

More information: www.parkhere.org

Advanced Bird Photography Workshop

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2009. 10am-1pm

Summary: A 3-hour workshop will first address aesthetic issues and natural phenomena. Then, focus on photography such as exposure, depth of field, flash, etc. Material is geared toward SLR cameras, but much is applicable to any camera type.

Location: Environmental Education Center

1751 Grand Blvd.

Alviso, CA, 95002

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/>

Salt Pond Restoration 101: An Introduction to the Project

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2009. 11am-12pm Noon

Summary: Restoration of 15,100 acres of South San Francisco Bay salt ponds to wetlands habitats has begun. Come for an overview of this incredible project.

Location: Environmental Education Center

1751 Grand Blvd.

Alviso, CA, 95002

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/>

Discover Ohlone Uses of Plants

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2009. 1:30pm-3pm

Summary: Explore the plants that were traditionally used by the original inhabitants of this area, the Ohlone Indians. Then enjoy a guided walk around our native plant garden. Fun for the whole family.

Location: Environmental Education Center

1751 Grand Blvd.

Alviso, CA, 95002

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/>

Tracking through the Slough

Date: Sunday, November 8, 2009. 10am-12pm Noon

Summary: Find out at this hands-on program where participants will learn all about tracks, the refuge animals that make them, and what these critters tell us about the health of our watershed. Participants will learn about track identification, and make their own tracking guides! Reservations required.

Location: Environmental Education Center

1751 Grand Blvd.

Alviso, CA, 95002

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/>

World Diabetes Day/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2009. 6pm-10pm

Summary: Help light up City Hall to bring attention to diabetes. Enjoy a much deserved, Fairmont catered dinner and program.

Location: San José City Hall Rotunda

200 East Santa Clara Street

San José, CA 95113

More information: Contact American Diabetes Association – (408) 241-1922

Monster Bacteria and Other Suspicious Critters

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2009. 10am-12pm Noon

Summary: See monster bacteria, some of whom love rotten eggs, and some of whom make the air we breathe. Join a microbial ecologist for a short hike where they use field microscopes to dive down into a tiny world – an ecology hidden from view.

Location: Environmental Education Center

1751 Grand Blvd.

Alviso, CA, 95002

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/>

ABC's of Raptors

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2009. 1pm-3pm

Summary: Learn the difference in exploring the birds of prey called raptors. Kids make their own raptor guidebook

Location: Environmental Education Center

1751 Grand Blvd.

Alviso, CA, 95002

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/>

13th Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2009 and Sunday, November 15, 2009.
10am-4pm

Summary: Holiday shopping specialties and handcrafted vendors.

Unique affordable treasures; t-shirts, jewelry, candy, topiary, soaps, wreaths, art. Concession and Music on Site, kettle corn, tamales, & egg rolls. Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Airbonne, Avon, Princess House.

Location: Santa Clara High School

3000 Benton St.

Santa Clara 95051

More information: www.santaclarahigh.org

Star Party

Date: Saturday, November 14. 5:30pm-10:30pm

Summary: Take a look into the night sky with members of the Halls Valley Astronomical Group (www.hallsvalley.org). Telescopes are provided, but you are welcome to bring one.

Location: Grant County Park

18405 Mt. Hamilton Rd.

San José, CA 95140

More information: www.parkhere.org

Caregivers Count!

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2009. 9:30am-3:30pm

Summary: A free full-day conference for families and friends caring for an aging loved one, hosted by the Aging Services Collaborative of Santa Clara County. Topics will include: Taking care of you! Sessions will be offered on Dementia communication, relaxation techniques, HICAP, Medicare and Medi-Cal and Caregiver stories of hope.

Location: Sobrato Center for Nonprofits

1400 Parkmoor Ave., Suite 230

San José, CA, 95126

More information: <http://www.healthtrust.org/caregiverscount>

Seating is limited. Register by November 9, 2009.

13th Annual Crafter's Holiday Faire

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2009 and Sunday, November 15, 2009.
10am-5pm

Summary: The perfect holiday shopping event, offering gifts, decorations for your home and tree, children's craft activities, live entertainment, food, and Santa Claus.

Location: The San José Flea Market
1590 Berryessa Rd.
San José, CA 95133

More information: www.sjfm.com

Beginning Bird Watching

Date: Sunday, November 15, 2009. 9:30am-11:15am

Summary: Come learn about the many local and migratory birds. Starting with a slide show indoors to learn how to recognize the regulars, then borrow binoculars and take a walk to try your new skills.

Location: Environmental Education Center
1751 Grand Blvd.
Alviso, CA, 95002

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/> or call 510-745-8695 to make reservations

Hearty Hikers

Date: Sunday, November 15, 2009. 8am-11am

Summary: Casual docent-led hikes to explore the trails of Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's two preserves. Bring: water, a hat, camera, binoculars, snacks, and walking stick. The Rancho hike is 8.5 miles through woods, grasslands and meadows.

Location: Santa Clara County Open Space Authority
6980 Santa Teresa Blvd., Ste 100
San José, CA 95119

More Information: www.openspaceauthorty.org

FREE 2-Hour Home and Family Disaster Preparedness Training

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2009. 6pm-8pm

Summary: In two hours you can learn: ways to reduce the risks of loss and injury before disaster strikes, how to create a family disaster plan, what you should include in your personal and family disaster supplies, about opportunities to become even more involved and disaster prepared.

Location: West San José Community Center
3707 Williams Road
San José, CA 95117

More information: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/>

Healthy Trails Toddler Trek

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2009. 4:30pm-6pm

Summary: Join a Docent from Strollerhikes.com for an easy walk on the paved Los Gatos Creek Trail and around the percolation ponds. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring a snack and camera if desired. All ages welcome.

Location: Los Gatos Creek County Park
1250 Dell Ave.
Campbell, CA 95008

More information: www.parkhere.org

Downtown Ice at Circle of Palms

Date: Friday, November 20, 2009 to Monday, January 18, 2009.

Summary: Ice skate under the stars – and palm trees – in the heart of downtown San Jose's holiday activities. Beginning its 14th season, Downtown Ice has become a holiday tradition and one of the best skating experiences in the western United States.

Location: Circle of Palms
170 S. Market St.
San José, CA 95113

More information: <http://www.sjdowntown.com/downtownice.html>

Beginning Bird Clinic

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2009. 9am-11:30am

Summary: Learn about binoculars, identification books, and other birding basics through hands-on activities and conversation. Go out into the field to practice your new skills. Binoculars and books provided during the class, but if you have your own please bring them. Be prepared to be outdoors for about an hour.

Location: Environmental Education Center
1751 Grand Blvd.
Alviso, CA, 95002

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/> or call 510-745-8695 to make reservations

Community Service – Gardening

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2009. 10:30am-12:30pm

Summary: Come help the native plant garden by removing non-native plants, pruning, mulching, or doing various other jobs that help protect wildlife and clean up the gardens. Bring your own gloves or borrow a pair – tools are provided. Dress in layers and bring water and sunscreen. Ages 9 and up. Participants 18 and under must be accompanied by a chaperone.

Location: Environmental Education Center

1751 Grand Blvd.
Alviso, CA, 95002

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/> or call 408-262-5513 to make reservations

Birds in Culture

Date: Sunday, November 22, 2009. 1pm-2:30pm

Summary: Sign up for this program and find out how birds have been important parts of various cultures all over the world. Participants will see a slide show, hear a story, and take part in a craft that illustrates the significance and symbolism of our feathered friends.

Location: Environmental Education Center
1751 Grand Blvd.
Alviso, CA, 95002

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/> or call 408-262-5513 to make reservations

Healthy Trails Hike

Date: Saturday, November 21. 9am-11am

Summary: Join Docent Cait Hutnik and enjoy a hike along the Miller Nature Trail.

Location: Mt. Madonna County Park
7850 Pole Line Rd
Watsonville, CA 95076

More information: www.parkhere.org

Fantasy of Lights

Date: Friday, November 27, 2009-Thursday, December 31, 2009. 6pm-10pm nightly

Summary: Celebrate 11th Anniversary of "Lighting the Valley with Fun" at Fantasy of Lights, a drive-through holiday lights display spectacular. See the old favorites plus this year's new additions, plus thousands of colorful twinkling lights and have loads of holiday fun.

Location: Vasona Lake County Park
333 Blossom Hill Road
Los Gatos, CA 95032

More information: www.parkhere.org

Family Friendly Moonlight Hike

Date: Saturday, November 28. Call 355-2240 for time

Summary: Come enjoy an outing under the moon and stars on the paved Martin Murphy Trail (2-mile loop) with Park Docent Jennifer Snedeker. Watch for wildlife that come out at dark, explore overhead constellations and discover the many secrets of this historical and

ecological area. Wear comfortable walking shoes and layered clothing.
Bring water, snack and flashlight.

Location: Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park
10840 Coyote Lake Rd.
Gilroy, CA 95020

More information: www.parkhere.org